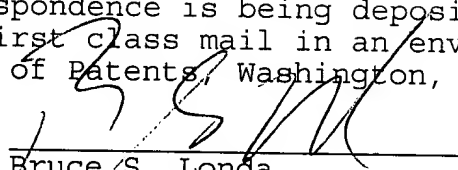




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Section 1
Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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Section 2
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The art is discussed in the specification of the present application.

Section 4
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A list of the patent(s) and/or publications is set forth on the attached 1 page of Form PTO-1449 (modified).

Section 5
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No English language translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.

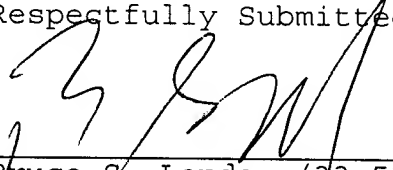
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Section 8
Concise Explanation of Listed Information Items

PCT International Application number PCT/DE95/00787 and German patent 41 39 664 are discussed in the present application and pages 2 and 3. "Molecular Cloning" is a standard book of molecular cloning.

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